

New York

30 Washington Square

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Dear Mr. Samson.

I am here to meet the niece of my dear friend H. M. who brings me material for the completion of my part of her book. I shall make the last Chapter from the various expressions of regret & esteem from the journals & the letters of friends, — such as may be fitly grouped together under the heading of "Survivorship." Among the letters that Miss Jane Martineau has received on the occasion of her Aunt's death are some from nobles & some from servants; — some from friends & some from

Philanthropist, — & I am
selecting such as I may be au-
thorised to use, for this last char-
ter.

May I print among them
the unequalled letter of your own,
which so sums up your own testi-
mony & her excellence, as to be
the most fitting funeral crown? —

Miss Jane Mathewson has just
put it into my hand, & I do
~~not hesitate~~ ^{wait} a moment to ask
you leave to use it. And if you
grant this permission, as I
trust you will, may I beg
you kindly to lend me a
copy of her last letter to you?

Not to print, — I hardly
suppose I am authorised to do so
under the terms of exclusion in
her Autobiography, or the terms
of permission, in a letter to
myself to use any of her letters
to me. But let me have your

judgment, I beg, — & in any
case a copy of the letter.

You know what a strength
Whittier has been to me
all these 40 years since 1835 —
& before indeed by previous reading
of her works; — & how astonished
they would seem without her,
— for you have such experiences
in various instances: so that you
will not think it strange to
hear me say that if I can
but live to accomplish the duty
which she requires at my
hands, I don't care about
living longer, after that: —
And I am now going my
way through the most ardu-
ous part. It will be, (my part)
about as much as one of those
bols. of sheets which I showed you
It would be nothing of an exertion
to you — but I am not a
Tenter, — not a ^{pricksall} Leasher into

forty years of facts, like a histo-
rian or biographer; ~~but~~ have
in fact, no qualification but a thoughtful
appreciation of my subject. &
I greatly fear that I may not
be the fulfillment of the biographical
law, as it is of law in general;
but I shall do my best —
insufficient as it is — & I fear
it is so, I feel all the more
need of such supplementary and
as your admirable letter gives.

With cordial regards to
all your family who are a-
bout you,

I am always
my most valued & honored
friend of my real life
life-time,

Yours affectionately
H. W. Chapman